

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weissman (USPN 6,449,477 B1) in view of Shyy (USPN 6,178,334 B1), and claims 3 and 6-10 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Weissman in view of Shyy and further in view of Bassirat (USPN 6,0878,003). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

As the Examiner recognizes, Weissman does not disclose conveying slave signals separately to the base station. Instead, the Examiner looks to Shyy for the missing teaching. However, no motivation or suggestion for combining is given for combining the teaching of Shyy with the teachings of Weissman. To properly combine teachings of different references, there must be some suggestion or motivation in the references to combine the teachings.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide the suggestion or motivation for combining, or withdrawal these rejections in the next Office action.

Please note that the Applicant's invention and the Weissman reference are directed to solving the problem of improving reception of signals within a region. Shyy, on the other hand, is directed to solving the problem of identifying cells by unique time delays. Applicant submits that there is not motivation or suggestion for combining in the references as they solve different problems.

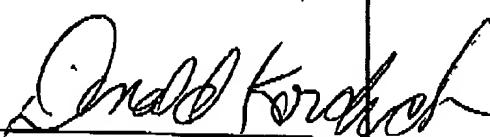
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